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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Strategic Warning Working Group Meeting--
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1. The first hour of the meeting was devoted to a quite technical briefing by Messrs. [redacted] of NSA on the new [redacted] collection system [redacted]. It was apparent to me that the designers of the system were not concerned with using or adapting it to collect strategic warning information, but it was obvious that the system had an inherent tactical warning capability. The briefing did serve, however, to generate some thoughts in the SWWG as to how [redacted] might later be adapted to include collection on the strategic problem. The system is scheduled to become operational [redacted]

2. SWWG Chairman [redacted] then spoke about USIB's discussion of [redacted] China warning study. He said that he had just received Admiral Gayler's written requests for changes in the study, which, by agreement with Gayler, were to be reviewed by the SWWG and a consensus reached on each of the rather numerous requests as to whether they should be accepted, rejected, or modified. The SWWG views would be passed to [redacted] successor, [redacted]

3. [redacted] also indicated that the interagency Information Handling Committee, which he chairs, would soon be looking into "crisis management" practices in various agencies. He said that this would involve the current intelligence and indications elements of the agencies concerned.

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5. The next SWWG meeting will be held on 4 December.

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